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1. The following abuses of authority have occurred:

- 25X1 (a) On 6 Aug 47 a trainload of Polish soldiers who had just returned [redacted]  
25X1 [redacted] left Gdansk for Poznan. At noon the train was stopped on  
25X1 a siding where MWD and UEP units lay in wait. There the repatriates  
were robbed of all valuables, including shoes.
- (b) Abuses by the MO are increasing, and it is commonly known that they  
usually pilfer food and other articles during routine baggage inspec-  
tions on trains or in stations. Inspections at the Mielec station  
and in Krakow are notorious in this respect.
- (c) In Warsaw special PPR partisan battalions (bojowicki) have been organized  
to attack and rob members of the PSL and the former AK. If the attackers  
are identified, the UEP protects them by threatening their victims.

2. However, individual security against robbery, banditry, and similar crimes is gradually improving. This slight improvement has occurred despite the fact that MO or UBP preoccupation with political action in any area has generally led to increased banditry in that area.

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